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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: MISAWA AS WEATHER ALTERNATE

REF: A) TOKYO 14549; B) TOKYO 16955

1. BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH FAA AND DOD, DEPT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO APPROACH GOJ ON THIS ISSUE AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH IT RECOGNIZES THAT PROPOSAL WOULD IMPROVE US AIRLINES' ECONOMIES OF OPERATION.

2. FAA SEES ANY ATTEMPT TO DESIGNATE FALSELY FINAL DESTINATION (REF A PARA 2) AS IMPROPER OPERATION AND USG SHOULD IN NO WAY LEND SUPPORT TO SUCH ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, IF US AIRLINE CORRECTLY FILES INTENDED DESTINATION, E.G. TOKYO, AND NOTES MISAWA AS ALTERNATE, THEN FAA WOULD ONLY
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REQUIRE THAT MISAWA BE ACCEPTED BY GOJ TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE AIRPORT. UNFORTUNATELY, JAPANESE ACCEPTANCE WOULD MEAN THAT MISAWA WOULD BE OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL USE BY ALL AIRLINES AND BUSINESS AND PRIVATE AIRCRAFT OF ALL RPT ALL COUNTRIES; SOFA COULD NOT BE USED TO RESTRICT USAGE TO ONLY US AND JAPANESE AIRLINES.

3. LACK OF FACILITIES AT MISAWA TO HANDLE ADEQUATELY AND
IN TIMELY FASHION LARGE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT AND GREAT NUMBER

OF PASSENGERS CREATES SERIOUS PHYSICAL PROBLEM EVEN IF
PROPOSAL WAS DESIRABLE FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

4. ALSO, PERHAPS HIGHER PRIORITY MATTER FOR USG WOULD BE
ACQUIRING GOJ AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL MISSION AIR-
CRAFT TO USE BASES (NOTEABLY YOKOTA) RATHER THAN USE OF
MISAWA AS WEATHER ALTERNATE BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

5. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT WOULD NOT WISH TO APPROACH GOJ
ON THIS ISSUE. IF EMBASSY HAS FURTHER ELABORATION OR
DETAILS WHICH MIGHT MODIFY THIS POSITION, PLEASE ADVISE.

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